



Mexican Gray Wolf

Reintroduction Fact Sheet for Guides, Outfitters, and Forest Visitors:

Mexican gray wolves have been reintroduced into the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest and the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona, and the Gila National Forest in New Mexico.

Mexican gray wolves are protected under the Endangered Species Act. Care should be exercised when hunting or trapping in wolf recovery areas to avoid killing or injuring a Mexican gray wolf. Hunters must be sure of their target.

For more information on the Mexican wolf program, contact the Interagency Field Office at 928/339-4329 or 1-888/459-9653, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 505/346-2525, the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 928/367-4281, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish at 505/476-8101, the Fort Apache Indian Reservation at 928/338-4385, or visit the Mexican gray wolf web page: <http://mexicanwolf.fws.gov> or at <http://azgfd.com>

For law enforcement issues, contact your local game warden, and call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Division in Arizona at 928/333-5245, and in New Mexico call 505/346-7828. To report sightings or incidents, call the 24-hour Mexican wolf number at 1-888/459-9653, or the Arizona Game and Fish Department's 24-hour dispatch (Operation Game Thief) at 1-800/352-0700.

Recommendations

- Respect posted wildlife closures.
- Treat wolves and other wildlife animals with respect.
- Never feed a wild animal. Keep food and garbage in airtight containers.
- Dispose of gray water per camping regulations and only in designated areas.
- Keep dogs under control at all times and leashed when possible.
- Should you hear or see wolves near your camp: Contain dogs in tent or vehicle if possible; and, Frighten or harass wolves away, if necessary.

You May Legally:

- Harass a wolf without injuring it, but you must report it within seven days;
- Kill or injure a wolf that is in the act of killing, wounding, or biting your cattle, sheep, horses, mules, or burros on your *private* or *tribal* land, but you must report it within 24 hours;
- Kill, injure, or harass a wolf in defense of human life, but you must report it within 24 hours.

You May Not Legally:

- Kill or injure a wolf that is in the act of killing, wounding, or biting your cattle, sheep, horses, mules, or burros on *public* land;
- Kill or injure a wolf just because it is near you or your property;
- Kill or injure a wolf that attacks your pet;
- Kill or injure a wolf feeding on dead livestock;
- Enter official closures around occupied release pens, active dens, and rendezvous sites;
- Shoot a wolf because you thought it was a coyote or something else (you are responsible for identifying your target before shooting); *or*
- Attempt to do any of the above actions or solicit someone else to do them.

Violations of the above rules may subject you to prosecution. Criminal penalties may be imprisonment of not more than one year and a fine of up to \$50,000 and/or a civil penalty of up to \$25,000. For more information on the Mexican wolf visit our web page at: <http://mexicanwolf.fws.gov>

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